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UPPER MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS
NATIONAL MONUMENT

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN
AND
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Lewistown Field Office
Lewistown, Montana

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Draft
Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument
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1. Responsible Agencies

Bureau of Land Management (Lead Agency)

State of Montana (Cooperating Agency)

Blaine County, Montana (Cooperating Agency)

Chouteau County, Montana (Cooperating Agency)

Fergus County, Montana (Cooperating Agency)

Phillips County, Montana (Cooperating Agency)

2. Draft (X) Final ()

3. Type of Action: Administrative (X) Legislative ()

4. Abstract: This Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement describes and analyzes six alternatives for managing the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument located in portions of Blaine, Chouteau, Fergus, and Phillips Counties in northcentral Montana. The Monument includes about 375,000 acres of public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management's Lewistown Field Office. The six alternatives are: Alternative A (current management or the "no action" alternative), Alternatives B, C, D, E, and Alternative F (the preferred alternative). The alternatives address the following four main areas: health of the land and fire; visitor use, services and infrastructure; natural gas exploration and development; and access and transportation.

5. Comments on the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement must be received within 90 days from publication of the Notice of Availability by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Register. The close of the comment period will be announced in a news release, newsletter, and on the Bureau of Land Management website at http://www.blm.gov/nhp/spotlight/state_info/planning.htm.

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